Whereas 33% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Survey said they would like to revise the Honor Code,

Whereas 67% of respondents on that same survey disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement, “The peer reporting requirement is followed by most students at Middlebury,”

Whereas 55% of respondents on that same survey agreed or strongly agreed that that peer proctoring is an essential part of the Honor Code,

Whereas there is a perception among some students that the Honor Code is not working as it was intended, and should be changed, as evidenced by the article in the New York Times,

Whereas incorporating the Community Standards into the Honor Code is an important statement of principle,

Whereas incorporating the Community Standards could have important and positive ramifications for bystander intervention as well as peer reporting,

Be it resolved…

That “on all assigned academic work” be removed from the first sentence of the preamble,

That the word “academic” be removed from the second sentence of the preamble and sections c, and h of Article III,

That the word “academic” be added before the word “infraction” in section e of Article III,

That the word “Board” be pluralized in Article III section h,

That the words “academic dishonesty” be removed from the third sentence of the preamble and replaced with “dishonor, academic or otherwise,”

That the following text be added as “Article II: Community Standards”, and the following sections be renumbered appropriately:

1 http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/13/education/edlife/the-fading-honor-code.html?_r=0
a. Middlebury College seeks to prepare students to be active citizens and leaders who will address the world’s most pressing problems. This mission is advanced through students’ experiences with successes and challenges, and is reflected in the following Community Standards, which promote a balance of individual and community health and growth:

• cultivating respect and responsibility for self, others, and our shared environment;
• encouraging personal and intellectual courage and growth;
• manifesting integrity and honesty in all decisions and actions;
• promoting healthy, safe and balanced lifestyles;
• fostering a diverse and inclusive community committed to civility, open-mindedness and finding common ground.

b. Any student witnessing neglect of the Community Standards is morally obligated to intervene, directly or indirectly.

That the “-“ be removed from points i and ii of section c of Article II.

LEGISLATION ACTION.
Originally Proposed

Ben Bogin, Student Co-Chair of Community Council

February 22, 2015
Senator Fisher: Motion to end discussion and vote on S2015-SB6.
Senator Gerstenschlager: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

Vote on S2015-SB6.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Allis, Proxy Poole (for Senator Sohn), Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Edwards, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady

Nays: None
Abstentions: None
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S2015-SB6 passes.